



St. John's United Church of Christ
November 12, 2023
Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost



[* = Those who are able may stand, L = Leader, P = People and A = All]

RINGING OF THE BELL

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GREETINGS

THE INTROIT *"Surely the Presence of the Lord"*

No. 263

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

L: We are pulled in many directions.

P. Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.

L. This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.

P. This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.

L. Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

P. Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives. ^{MM}

***THE OPENING HYMN** *"I Love Your Church, O God"*

No. 274

***THE INVOCATION (In Unison)**

Through the week of stress and demands, we come to you this day, O Lord. Awaken us again to your comforting and loving presence in our lives. Help us to be open to the many ways in which you have called to us and sustained us. Make us ready to be of service to you. AMEN. ^{MM}

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 35

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world with out end. Amen. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

THE ANTHEM *"10,000 Reasons"*

-Myrin/Redman

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

THE SONG *"Jesus Loves the Little Children"*

(words below)

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.

Every child in every land, Jesus holds them by the hand,

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

THE INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

Discerning God, receive our offerings and gifts for your kindom. Let them be a blessing to those in need of encouragement, material goods, and evidence of your presence among us. Magnify them beyond our imagining and grant us insight into the possibilities before us for ministry and witness. We are grateful to give. Amen. ^{WW}

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

THE HYMN

"Seek Ye First"

No. 354

SERMON

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***THE HYMN**

"Living for Jesus"

No. 610

***COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

***THE HYMN**

"Go in Peace"

No. 445

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

^{MM}Ministry Matters, Nancy C. Townley

^{WW}Wisdom: Service Prayers for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost were written by The Rev. Dr. Cheryl A.

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Please consider supporting St. John's United Church of Christ so we can continue to do God's work and mission here and throughout the world. Offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the Sanctuary or delivered to the Church Office in person or by mail.

Worship services will be found on the church website, www.myucc.org, by clicking on the "sermons" tab. And on the church Facebook page, *St. John's United Church of Christ Vincennes*.

Many hearts. Many voices. One church.



ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

- Continuing Prayer Requests Bruce Deckard, Don Osborne, Jr. For all church family members who are serving our country, Dan Roark & Family, The families of Hank Lopez, Robin Root, Mark Lange. For the silent trials and struggles everyone is carrying let's include all in our prayers.
- Please keep the families of Jerri Johanningsmeier and Jill Lopez in your prayers on the loss of their brother John B. Johanningsmeier on October 27, 2023. John was baptized and confirmed as a member of St. John's United Church of Christ
- Please pray for Dale Linneweber. She had both an MRI and a needle biopsy on her breast. Awaiting test results. Prayers are needed for both Dale and Joe.

Addresses for Shut-ins and Others

Norma Meyer, Colonial Assisted Living, - Room 142, 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

Susie Milligan, Colonial Assisted Living, - 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

Joy Tooley, Willow Manor, - 3801 Old Bruceville Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

Leona Conway, Willow Manor, -request correspondence be sent to 2009 Forbes Rd. Vincennes IN

Marge Beamon, Remains in rehab, - Please send cards and notes to, 1401 Ritterskamp Avenue.

Franklyn Schroeder, Oak Village Health Care Center, - 200 4th Street, Oaktown, IN 47561

Dan Roark—Gentle Care, - 1202 S. 16th St., Vincennes, IN 47591.

Home

Alexander Family

Bruce Deckard

If you have a caregiving need such as a hospital stay, a visit or desire communion, please contact the church office, Janet Goodman (chairman of Caregivers) or any caregiver listed below. We would appreciate your help and want to make sure everyone is blessed by St. John's when you need it! St. John's UCC Caregivers- Ed and Brenda Cummings, Cindy Deckard, Connie and Dan Coulter, Peggy Meyer, Ray Pieper, Terry and Janet Goodman, Lonny Vieck, Larry and Betsy Marchino.



No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome

IN RECOGNITION OF OUR SERVICEMEN



Currently Active Service Men & Woman

Mitchell Cooper U.S. Navy

Dasny Cooper (Wife of Mitchell) U.S. Navy

Aaron Lange U.S. Army Battalion
Commander Evansville Armory

Former Service Men

Steve Cooper U.S. Navy

Marvin Covey U.S. Navy & Army National Guard

Garry Hall U.S. Marines

John Jackson (deceased) U.S. Army

Charles Klein U.S. Marines

Michael Lankford U.S. Air force

Lonny Vieck U.S. Army

Ray Pieper Peace Corps.

Ed Cummings U.S. Army National Guard



ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

Pastors	Rev Dennis Frische-Mouri
	Rev Linda Frische-Mouri
Head Usher	Hope Clausman/Elaine Workman
Organist	DeEtta Welte
Music Director, Pianist	Becky Brockman
Children /Family Ministry Coordinator	Will Meyer
Nursery Attendant	Darcie Bahr
Projection	Jana Vieck
Sound	Andrew Anson
Church Secretary	Angie Robinson
Church Board President	Jana Vieck
Pastoral Search Chair	Sheri Stodghill



Come Join Us ! Dinner & Conversation WEDNESDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.

If you'd like to join others in eating out and sharing in relaxed conversation, mark your calendars for these Vincennes locations on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. For the following date, the rest will be posted at a later date:

November 15th - Applebee's



The Christian Education committee is getting ready to bring back the Advent celebration. The date is **Sunday, Dec. 3** immediately following worship service. A lunch will be served followed by games, crafts, and other Christmas preparation fun. Plan now to attend. Bring your families, friends, and neighbors. If you would like to help with a craft, game, or offer other ideas, please let Pastor Dennis, Will Meyer, Sarah Lowe, or Jill Lopez know.

Just a reminder....please be diligent about locking the church door that you entered if you come into the building at times other than on Sunday mornings.



THIS WEEK in the Life of St. John's

SUNDAY, November 12

Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship 10:30 am Veterans Recognized
Stewardship Sunday.
Children's Church

MONDAY, November 13

Babe Store 12-5:30pm
Friends 5-6:15 pm

Tuesday, November 14

Babe Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, November 15

Dinner & Conversation 5 pm, Applebee's
Choir 7pm

Friday, November 17

Youth Lock-In Starts 7pm

Saturday, November 18

Youth Lock-IN Pick up 8:30am

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, November 19

Sunday School 9:15 am
Fellowship 10am
Worship 10:30 am
Children's Church

Adding greenery after service

MONDAY, November 20

Babe Store 12-5:30pm
Friends 5-6:15 pm
Worship 6pm
Church Board 7pm

WEDNESDAY, November 21

Dinner & Conversation 5 pm
Choir 7pm

THURSDAY, November 23

Happy Thanksgiving!

Office Closed
Preschool Out

Friday, November 17

Office Closed
Preschool Out

SUNDAY, November 26

Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship 10:30
Children's Church

Decorating Church for Advent/Christmas Season



*Virtual
Worship
Service is still
available on
the church
website,
myucc.org
Worship
Services are
also "Live
Streamed" on
the Church's
FACEBOOK
page*



Deciding What to Give

While there are many ways to support the congregation, our annual campaign provides a chance to think in a particular and prayerful way about the choices we make with our money in support of the church.

Without your gifts, we would not be able to engage in the programs, projects, ministry, and worship experiences that define our community life.

Deciding how much of our income to donate to charitable organizations can be difficult. We encourage our community to think of giving as a percentage of annual income.

The average gift to charitable causes in our country is 2% of annual income (per household). It is hard to imagine what our world would look like without these generous gifts that do so much good. Fortunately, we are not being asked to consider what the world would be without these gifts! Instead, we are being asked to imagine what just 1% or more might make happen! How many more lives can be changed because you and

I have decided to grow in our own giving? Imagine more people being able to say, **"Because of you, our church changes lives"**.

We are each on a journey toward abundant generosity. What next step can you take in your generosity journey?

Every gift to our congregation helps strengthen who we are and what we can do together. Because of you, our church changes lives.

CONSIDER YOUR PLEDGE AS A PERCENT OF YOUR MONTHLY INCOME.

Annual Income	Monthly Income	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
20,000	1,667	33	50	67	83	167
25,000	2,083	42	63	83	104	208
30,000	2,500	50	75	100	125	250
35,000	2,917	58	88	117	146	292
40,000	3,333	67	100	133	167	333
45,000	3,750	75	113	150	188	375
50,000	4,167	83	125	167	208	417
60,000	5,000	100	150	200	250	500
75,000	6,250	125	188	250	313	625
100,000	8,333	167	250	333	417	833
125,000	10,417	208	313	417	521	1042
150,000	12,500	250	375	500	625	1250
200,000	16,667	333	500	667	833	1667

On average, Americans give 2% of their income to charity. Giving even 1% more of annual income to charity would be transformative for our congregation and other organizations doing good in our community.

